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ANNOUNCING THE ALASKA DISTRICT'S REGIONAL CONDITIONS TO THE NEW NATIONWIDE PERMITS

On January 6, 2017, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published the notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the reissuance of all 50 existing nationwide permits (NWP), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The Corps also issued two new NWPs, one new general condition, and five new definitions. The 2017 NWPs will go into effect on March 19, 2017, and will expire on March 18, 2022.

Subsequent to the January 6, 2017, *Federal Register* notice, the Alaska District finalized the regional conditions for the new and reissued NWPs. The regional conditions will provide additional protection for the aquatic environment, and will help ensure that the NWPs authorize only those activities with no more than minimal adverse environmental effects in Alaska. Regional conditions will help ensure protection of high value waters within Alaska.

The Alaska District prepared supplemental decision documents to the Corps' final decision documents for the new and reissued NWPs. These supplemental decision documents address regional conditioning of the NWPs. This special public notice announces the approval of nine (9) regional conditions by the Pacific Ocean Division Commander.

The publication of the January 6, 2017, *Federal Register* notice also began the 60-day period for states, Tribes, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete their water quality certification (WQC) determination decisions for the NWPs. The complete WQC decisions for Alaska are attached to this public notice.

Attached is an index of the final NWPs, general conditions, definitions, water quality certifications, and the Alaska District's regional conditions. Additional information can be found on the internet at www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Nationwide-Permits/

Questions concerning the regional conditions should be directed to Timm Kennedy at (907) 753-2784, or by email at tim.m.a.kennedy@usace.army.mil.

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Nationwide Permits

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5. Scientific Measurement Devices
6. Survey Activities
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8. Oil and Gas Structures on the Outer Continental Shelf
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10. Mooring Buoys
11. Temporary Recreational Structures
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13. Bank Stabilization
14. Linear Transportation Projects
15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
16. Return Water From Upland Contained Disposal Areas
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5. Shellfish Beds
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Best management practices (BMPs)
Compensatory mitigation
Currently serviceable
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Enhancement
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Establishment (creation)
High Tide Line
Historic property
Independent utility
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Intermittent stream
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Navigable waters
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Open water
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Preservation
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Stormwater management facilities
Stream bed
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Tidal wetland
Tribal lands
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Vegetated shallows
Waterbody